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Support for SB 383 and HB 5403

Dear Chairs and Members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee,

My name is Nayeli Garcia Romero. I live in West Haven. I graduated from New Haven Public Schools, and I am a student at Gateway Community College.

I am part of Recovery For All, with people across the state who want a better Connecticut with justice and equality. I belong to ULA, Unidad Latina en Acción, where we defend the rights of immigrant workers.

We are the people who grow the food, transport the food, and prepare the food of this state. We clean the hospitals and schools. We care for your children and your elders. We care for your homes and gardens. We should have a good life in Connecticut.

This pandemic has been especially hard for women and immigrant workers like me. Wage theft, labor exploitation, and violence against women have increased. Thirteen Connecticut billionaires got \$13.7 billion in additional wealth, while many children continue to live in poverty in Connecticut.

These bills would help thousands of working families like mine to be able to have a small tax cut. I also support legislation to ensure that billionaires pay what they owe in taxes. This is one of the richest states in the richest country in the world. We have enough wealth for everyone to live a good life.

I urge the Committee to make the right choice and to pass SB 383 and HB 5403. Thank you.